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RESPONSE

In response to the Restriction Requirement of October 5, 2004, Applicant elects Species I,
Claims 1-12, 19, 28-96.

Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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